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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Los Angeles – California Party Attended by More Than 200 People Disrupted by Police

(U) As COVID-19 cases continue to rise in California, a party in Los Angeles has been busted by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD). The LASD's "Super-Spreader Taskforce" has been breaking up gatherings held amid the ongoing pandemic in violation of the latest public health order which states: "All public and private gatherings of any number of people from more than one household are prohibited. More than 200 people were detained in the latest bust, with dozens of citations handed out, according to open source reporting.

(U) SOURCE: 11 January 2021, [Newsweek](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Alabama – Man Charged with Possession of Molotov Cocktails Found Near US Capitol

(U) Falkville – Acting US Attorney Michael Sherwin for the District of Columbia announced charges against an Alabama man that include one count of unlawful possession of a destructive device, and one count of carrying a pistol without a license. Lonnie Leroy Coffman, 70, of Falkville, Alabama, was arrested yesterday and charged in a criminal complaint filed in the US District Court for the District of Columbia. As alleged in the complaint, on 6 January, US Capitol Police (USCP) officers responded to reports of possible explosive devices in the area around the United States Capitol. While conducting a protective sweep of the area, officers observed the handle of what appeared to be a firearm on the front right passenger seat of a red pickup truck with Alabama tags. A law enforcement database check of the vehicle registration revealed that the vehicle was registered to Lonnie L. Coffman with a home address in Falkville, Alabama.

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [DOJ](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia – US Re-designates Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism

(U) Washington – The Trump administration on Monday re-designated Cuba as a "state sponsor of terrorism," hitting the country with new sanctions that could hamstring President-elect Joe Biden's promise to renew relations with the communist-governed island. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo announced the step, citing Cuba's continued harboring of US fugitives, its refusal to extradite a coterie of Colombian guerrilla commanders as well as its support for Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro. The designation, which had been discussed for years, is one of several last-minute foreign policy moves that the Trump administration is making before President-elect Joe Biden takes office on 20 January.

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [CBS](#)

#### (U) Oregon – Feds in Oregon Filed Most Alleged Domestic Terrorism Prosecutions in US

(U) Portland – The US Attorney's Office in Oregon has filed the most cases classified as domestic terrorism in 2020 compared to all other federal districts, according to a court tracking clearinghouse run by Syracuse University. Most of the cases stemmed from consecutive nightly protests last summer outside the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse in the wake of George Floyd's killing by police in Minneapolis. By the end of September, 40 people had been accused of assault on a federal officer and

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15 faced the rare charge of civil disorder during protests, according to the US Attorney's Office. Others were charged with destruction of government property, arson or attempted arson of federal property, and violating national defense airspace.

SOURCE: 11 January 2021, [Oregon Live](#)

### **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

#### **(U) Afghanistan – Afghan Forces Disrupt ISIS Plot to Assassinate US Official**

(U) Kabul – Afghan authorities said Tuesday they had foiled a plan by the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) to assassinate a top US envoy in Kabul. Intelligence officers dismantled a four-member ISIS cell in the eastern province of Nangarhar that had planned to murder the envoy as well as Afghan officials, the National Directorate of Security (NDS) said. The US official had previously condemned a series of assassinations in the capital and other cities of prominent Afghans including journalists, activists, and politicians in recent months.

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [AFP](#)

#### **(U) Syria – ISIS Hails Capitol Riot, Says US Unrest 'Will Pay Off' for Terror Group**

(U) Raqqa – ISIS said in a new issue of its weekly newsletter that rioters "being seen breaking into one of the most important centers of sovereignty in America" signaled that domestic unrest could work to the terror group's advantage. The full-page article in the latest al-Naba used a Reuters photo of a police flashbang illuminating the west front of the Capitol in order to disperse rioters last Wednesday. The terror group hailed the "great" symbolism of breaking into the US Capitol "during a meeting of the tyrants," and said the history of America "over the past decades" reveals a pattern of "greater and more serious internal events." ISIS noted that it is "not the first US election whose results are contested and questioned," and "it will not be the last." They predicted that President-elect Biden will be preoccupied with domestic strife as "the conflict is between the two parties and their supporters."

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [Homeland Security Today](#)

#### **(U) United Kingdom – Libyan Jailed for Life for UK Attack That Killed Three**

(U) Reading – A man who fought for a Islamist militant group as a teenager in Libya was jailed for the rest of his life on Monday for murdering three men in a stabbing spree in a park in England last year in what the judge said was a terrorist attack. Libyan Khairi Saadallah, 26, used an 8-inch knife to kill the three men and attacked others in the park in the southern English town of Reading on a balmy summer evening on 20 June 2020. Witnesses heard him shout "God is greatest" in Arabic during the incident, and he later told police that what he had done was "Jihad" and he would go to paradise as a result.

SOURCE: 12 January 2021, [Reuters](#)

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